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RE: Refund of Sunday licensing fees to venues with coin-operated amusements

Dear Venue Owner:

This is to update you regarding the on-going process of providing refunds of fees for Sunday licenses paid to the Department following the enactment of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2005 ("Chapter 180"). As you are likely aware, Chapter 180 abolished the licensing fee previously required of venue owners intending to run coin-operated amusement devices on Sundays.

The Department is in the process of issuing retroactive refunds of fees that date back to January 1, 2006 to individual venues, pursuant to the intent of Chapter 180 and further, to identify those vendors who submitted payments prior to the January 1st date which were intended as payment for 2006 licenses. The retroactive nature of Chapter 180 has complicated the refund process; however we are actively working to equitably resolve this matter. The Department has already begun to generate refund checks. Accordingly, venue owners who submitted Sunday fees should anticipate a refund shortly if one has not yet been received from the Department.

Please be assured that it is the Department's intent to complete the refund process in a timely fashion to ensure that all venue owners who submitted the Sunday licensing fee receive the appropriate refund. In the meantime, the Department appreciates your continued patience as we work to fulfill the intent of the new law. Please contact Guy Licciardi, Director of Regulated Activities for the Department of Public Safety, at (617) 727-3200 with any further questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Thomas G. Gatzunis, Commissioner
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